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Dear Sir:

I, William E. Marshall hereby declare the following.

1. I am the inventor on the above-identified case and am familiar with the prosecution including the office action dated January 20, 2004.

2. My background includes a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Illinois, post-doctoral training at Uppsala University and Cambridge University, assistant professor of biochemistry at the University of Minnesota, director of technology development at General Foods Corp., president of the Microbial Genetics Division of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, member of the Iowa Academy of Sciences, chairman of the National Agricultural Research and Extension Users Advisory Board of the U.S. Congress, member of the advisory panel on biotechnology to the Office of Technology Assessment of the U.S. Congress, member of the advisory panel on intellectual property to the GATT, and associate professor of microbiology and immunology at the New York Medical College.

3. In 1989, as president of the Microbial Genetics Division of Pioneer Hi-Bred, Int'l., Inc. I submitted a New Animal Drug Application to the Center for Veterinary Medicine of the Food and Drug Administration. The results of the Phase III trial with a probiotic in a gel were very positive but the Agency required an explanation of the cellular and molecular modes of action before permitting claims that the drug had reduced the incidence of viral shipping fever in cattle 40%. I left industry and joined the faculty of the New York Medical College for the expressed purpose of determining the modes of action.

4. Our first discovery was learning that bacteria encountering physiologic conditions release substances that absorb ultraviolet light with a maximum at 254 nm.

5. Feeding or injecting preparations of the bacteria-free released substances <10kDa to mice protected them from the lethality of a subsequent challenge of endotoxin.

6. Third, I learned that the released substances were oligoribonucleotides (ORNs) from RNA.

7. I observed that bacteria begin to accumulate these oligoribonucleotides (ORNs) concomitantly with the destruction of their ribosomes late in their growth cycle. I reasoned that the oligoribonucleotides originated from the destruction of the ribosomes.

8. I further deduced that through co-evolution the immune system adapted a learned alert response to the sudden appearance of released oligoribonucleotides. This alert response protected the host from the lethality of endotoxemia.

9. It is well established that the immune system responds to molecules that are non-mammalian in nature and origin and, to which they have been exposed during co-evolution. These molecules represent non-self. Ribosomes are ubiquitous in biology and contain sequences of RNA that are specific to their kingdoms, genera and species. I believe that the immune systems of animals have adapted a learned response, through co-evolution, to the different oligoribonucleotides that arise from the destruction of ribosomes throughout the biological world.

I believe that the alert response, which protected mice from endotoxemic death that we described in earlier applications occurs when sentry cells of the immune network detect oligoribonucleotides found only, or at a disproportionately high level in the ribosomes of bacterial cells.

Since viruses do not contain ribosomes, the alert response to bacterial oligoribonucleotides has been evolutionarily adapted to include protection against viral infections, as seen in the clinical trial mentioned in paragraph 3, above.

10. An example of oligoribonucleotides that are unique or found in disproportionately high levels in bacterial cells are the ribosomal signature sequences which differentiate the three kingdoms of microbes and are also found uniquely in certain genera and species of bacteria. Woese, C.R., 2002, On The Evolution of Cells, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 99(13):8742-7. Shaver, Y. *et al.*, 2001 Variation in 16S-23S rRNA Intergenic Spacer Regions among *B. Subtilis* 168 Isolates. Molec. Microb. 42:101-10.

11. Another example is the ribosomal sequences encoded by DNA sequences that are present at levels 13 times higher in bacterial genomes than found in mammalian cells. These contain the sequence Cytosine-phosphate-Guanosine (CpG) between at least 4 or 5 adjoining bases on either side. A number of these oligodeoxynucleotides (ODNs) have been found by Kreig to activate cells of the immune system, but since ODNs are not released when bacteria enter physiologic conditions, the immune response is not a learned adaptation and their administration therefore induces adverse responses and toxicity. Kreig, A., *et al.*, 1995 CpG Motifs in Bacterial DNA Trigger Direct B-cell Activation, Nature 374:546-9 and J Immun 1998 161:2428-34.

In my opinion, administering the oligoribonucleotides that are complementary to these oligodeoxynucleotides would result in immune stimulation without adverse side effects. Some examples are:

AGAGGGUC**GC**AC**GC**GGUA (SEQ ID NO: 1) and,
CGUACU**GC**AACUCG (SEQ ID NO: 2) and,
AGGUACA**GC**CAGGACUACGA (SEQ ID NO: 3).

12. I have found that the oligoribonucleotides that are effective immune stimulants were smaller than 10kDa, i.e., containing fewer than about 33 nucleotides. Furthermore, they could not be further reduced in size by the enzyme ribonuclease. To explain this resistance, the ORNs must be double stranded, hairpins, or have groups blocking the active site or contain unusual bases or nucleotide sequences.

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